

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on

Thursday, May 19, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

**ROLL CALL:** Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Dan Stitzel, Fire Chief; Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** No members were absent.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** Mr. Rauch stated that the welcome to the new financial administrator needed to be removed as she was unable to be in attendance this evening.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Ms. Lommatzsch, to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to go into executive session for the reason listed on the agenda, personnel. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Joseph, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Council went into executive session at 6:02 pm.

*Mayor Williams left at approximately 6:20 p.m.*

**RECONVENE:** Council reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Deputy Mayor Denning asked Mr. Joseph to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION – National Mental Health Awareness Month:** Deputy Mayor Denning presented a proclamation to Ms. Tina Rezash, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communication for Montgomery County ADAMHS, recognizing May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Ms. Rezash thanked the staff, councilmembers, the chiefs, and first responders present as they are aware people in the community are hurting. They know overdose deaths and suicides are up in Montgomery County. She stated that she represents ADAMHS and the Executive Director Helen Jones Kelly, who is committed to helping those in the community find and be connected to resources. She is thankful that Mr. Joseph invited them to receive the proclamation. She stated it was a beautiful proclamation. Mental illness is a disease and needs to be as such. Throughout the county 4,000 employees wear a green bracelet that say, “Beat the Stigma”, because they face this every day. Families are ashamed, people don’t want to ask for help and it is out there. People need to understand to say it is

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okay to say they aren't okay. She is proud of the City of Riverside and its support for their initiatives. This will save lives.

Mr. Joseph stated that the reason he is so passionate about this is because his mom has schizoaffective bipolar type disorder since age 13. As a kid, seeing her go through manic and long-term depression it is traumatic not understanding why his mom was that way. His way of coping was to research. The stigma is one of the biggest things people need to realize. Dopamine, serotonin, and norepinephrine are all stimulants going through the brain. Mental illness is when someone is born genetically or when brain chemistry doesn't balance right. It is like being predisposed to other genetic issues. It is breaking the stigma and understanding mental health not being different than other medical illnesses. He thanked Ms. Rezash for what she and her organization do and how important crisis care is to a community when they are called.

Deputy Mayor Denning presented a proclamation to Lt. Josh Gwin and the Riverside Fire Department recognizing National EMS Week, May 15 – May 21, 2022. Chief Stitzel stated his personnel are the ones day-in-and-day-out doing the job and they should receive the recognition. Gov. Dewine also sent them a proclamation and they will frame them both and put them in the fire house as a thank you for all the crews and what they do.

Ms. Lommatzsch stated there have been nice postings on Facebook and thanked whoever was doing that in the fire department.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2022 special meeting, and the May 5, 2022 council meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to accept the prior month's financial report. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** Mr. Rauch stated that the two licenses, one for the new Kroger, and one for the Shell Station, have no objections by staff. Council did not request a hearing for either license.

**WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS:** Deputy Mayor Denning stated any citizen wishing to speak should fill out a petition found at the back of the room and turn it in to the clerk.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

**A) Police Department** – Chief Robinson stated one employee was on light duty due to an injury and is expected back in early June. One officer, Evan Stafford, will be deployed as he is active duty in the Army and will be going to Syria for a year. They are working towards the next National Night Out, which is scheduled for August 2, 2022.

**B) Fire Department** – Chief Stitzel stated they had a kick-off meeting for the Code Red; they will be onboarding trainers to move out messages next. All the hydrants have now been

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flushed; those that need maintenance or work have been sent to Montgomery County Water Services, and then they follow up on that to cross off their list once they have been fixed.

Deputy Mayor Denning thanked Dan Ryan for all he has done is still doing to get the fire hydrants painted on the city. Anyone who would like to help can contact city hall and get Dan's contact information.

**C) Public Service Department**— Mr. Rauch stated he gave Ms. Bartlett the night off as she has been at every council meeting this year, and tonight she did not have anything on the agenda. There will be some crack sealing work done this weekend and some no parking signs have gone up, so this could happen. The signs will be down after the work is done. The clerk stated it is also National Public Service Workers Week. Mr. Rauch stated he would like to acknowledge all the city public service workers.

Mrs. Franklin suggested drivers avoid Woodman/Burkhardt because of the work being doing and traffic getting backed up during the week. Mr. Rauch stated ODOT stated all the work should be done by July. He added that he met with St. Helen yesterday and spoke with ODOT about moving the barrels back during the St. Helen festival, June 10, 11 and 12, 2022. They have received approval for that, so they can open up both lanes and keep traffic clear during that weekend.

**D) City Manager's Report** – Mr. Rauch stated there will not be a meeting May 26. He will move some of the items for discussion to June 2. He did speak with some people from Dayton, today, regarding electrical aggregation. He will brief council on June 2 regarding that process to see what council would like to do.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No one wished to speak.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 22-O-794 – An ordinance by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio approving a change in the water protection overlay district boundaries as shown on the zoning map of the City of Riverside, Ohio for the Source Water Protection Area within the City of Riverside. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Ms. Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-794. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Deputy Mayor Denning opened the public hearing at 7:14 pm. No one wished to speak. Deputy Mayor Denning closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**



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## **II) Ordinance No. 22-O-795 – An ordinance establishing Chapter 1119 Planned Unit Development Districts in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Riverside. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-795. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Deputy Mayor Denning opened the public hearing at 7:16 pm. No one wished to speak. Deputy Mayor Denning closed the public hearing at 7:17 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; and Ms. Lommatzsch, yes. **Motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCES**

#### **I) Ordinance No. 22-O-796 – An ordinance to approve employee position titles, number of positions and pay ranges and to repeal Ordinance No. 22-O-791 passed March 3, 2022. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mr. Rauch stated this ordinance will remove the funding for a full-time community development director and part-time admin assistant and create a full-time community development technician.

Ms. Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-796. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; **Motion carried.**

### **B. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **I) Resolution No. 22-R-2771 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to sign a renewal easement granted by the United States of America Department of the Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for a road right-of-way over a 0.249 of an acre parcel lying between Huberville Avenue and Springfield Street.**

Mr. Rauch stated the United States Air Force gave the city an easement over a small piece of land near the Air Force Museum. This renews the easement for 25 years.

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2771. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

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## **II) Resolution No. 22-R-2772 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of firefighter protective equipment.**

Mr. Rauch stated this resolution to purchase protective equipment for fire fighters. This allows them to put the order in; they will make the payment upon receipt, which will likely be in 2023.

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2772. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

## **III) Resolution No. 22-R-2773 – A resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the city manager to enter into a License Agreement with Project Riverside, a 501(c)3 Corporation.**

Mr. Rauch stated this is the license agreement to allow Project Riverside to occupy the central park of the Rohrer Pavilion. They will evaluate the cost at six months and determine from there what the rent payment will be.

Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2773. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No one wished to comment.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Mr. Maxfield congratulated the Stebbins High School graduates as the newest alumni. He congratulated Carroll graduates and East Dayton Christian.

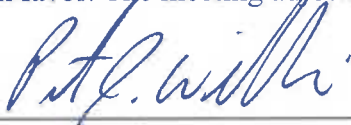
Mrs. Franklin reminded drivers to stay away from Woodman and Burkhardt if they can due to construction.


Deputy Mayor Denning reminded everyone to be safe over Memorial Day weekend. They need to safe and smart about drinking and driving. Holidays can bring out the best and worst sometimes so be careful.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to go into executive session to continue discussion on personnel matters. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Joseph, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mr. Maxfield, yes. **Motion carried.** Council went into executive session at 7:23 pm.

**RECONVENE:** Council reconvened at 8:14 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

  
Peter J. Williams, Mayor

  
Clerk of Council

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